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Claims 1-15, 17, 18 and 20 are now in this application, and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Claims 1-15, 17, 18 and 20 have been amended in order to delete the numerals, to provide proper antecedent basis, to positively recite the various elements and limitations and to claim each method step starting with an active verb, and to eliminate all "means" terminology. In addition, the claims have been amended to delete all multiple dependencies.

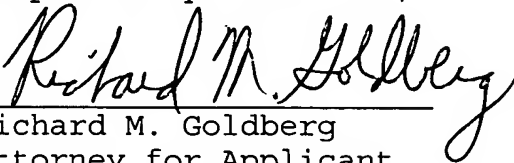
The specification has also been amended to add headings, and to correct typographical errors.

The Abstract has also been amended to remove legal phraseology.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by this Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1524.

It is hoped that this Preliminary Amendment will facilitate an examination of the application on its merits.

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